

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ADVENT

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"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap."

Image: The Last Judgment by Michelangelo (1541) in the Sistine Chapel, Rome

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We're so glad to see you! God loves you, and He has a great plan for your life! If you are new to St. Catharine, we want to thank you for coming and we look forward to worshipping God in Word and in Sacrament together today. Please remember to silence your cell phones and to observe silence in the Church. Restrooms are located in the Undercroft and the Parish Center. If you need any assistance or have any questions, just find someone with a green lanyard. We hope to see you again!

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN... May we suggest...relax! God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel that you must suppress it in God's house, but we do have a large quieting room available if you feel the need to step out during Mass. Thank you so much for making the effort to be here, and never stop bringing your family to Mass. It's worth it.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH... The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Any noise that our little ones make during Mass is pleasing to God's ears. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

This Week

Sunday, December 1st: *First Sunday of Advent*

- 8:30am Holy Mass (Jack Knauer)
- 11:00am Holy Mass (People of the Parish) 🕯️
- 5:00pm Holy Mass (John L. Eberts)

Monday, December 2nd: *Monday of the First Week of Advent*

- 8:00am Holy Mass (Doris Hecker)
- 6:30pm Melchizedek Project
- 6:30pm Scouts
- 7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 3rd: *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

- 7:00pm Holy Mass (Dr. Joseph Gallen)
- 7:30pm Confessions
- 7:30pm Adore: Women's Advent Book Study

Wednesday, December 4th: *Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor*

- 9:00am Holy Mass (Bob Trapp)

Thursday, December 5th: *Thursday of the 1st week of Advent*

- 8:00am Holy Mass (Darlene Easley)
- 9:30am Little Saints
- 7:00pm ADORE Night

Friday, December 6th: *Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

- 8:00am Holy Mass (Joseph Ridgeway)

Saturday, December 7th: *Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor*

- 6:30am Women at the Well
- 7:00am That Man Is You!
- 8:30am Holy Mass (Thomas Schiemer)
- 9:00am Confessions
- 10:00am First Reconciliation

Monday, December 9th
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:00am • 9:00am • 6:30pm
Remains a Holy Day of Obligation

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Sunday-Friday
6:00am-12:00am
Saturday
6:00am-4:00pm



Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fridays at 3:00pm

Children's Holy Hour

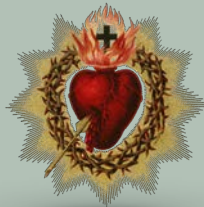
Saturdays at 3:00pm

Committed Adorers Needed

Sunday 12pm noon • Wednesday 8pm

Confession

Tuesday 7:30pm
 Thursday 7:00pm
 Saturday 9:00am



By appointment

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Offering and Attendance

Sunday, November 17th

Thank you for your presence and your generosity!

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Total	\$15,907.84
Diocesan Tax (10%)	-\$1,590.78
Net	\$14,317.06

Attendance	
8:30am	301
11:00am	332
5:00pm	210
Total	843

SCAN TO GIVE



✙ ADORE Night ✙

Every Thursday at 7:00pm

A candle-lit evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

Baptisms

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God."

Sunday, November 24th
Colton Michael Ray O'Donnell
Lucas Patrick VanLandingham

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email info@stcatharine.com or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 3 months or until they are asked to be removed.

Tyler and Julia	Brian	Luke
Matt	Isabella and Jackson	Irina
Judy	Tara	Annette
Christine	K's Daughter	Luke
Jim	Amy	Gary
Tracy Keaton	Estee	Margo
Avery	Margie	Tish
Sarah	Luke	Susan & Mikha
Reese	Charmonique	Christopher
Rachel	Kamil	Stephanie
Suzy	Bobby	Kaycee
Jeff	Lee	AJ

May They Rest in Peace

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

For all the faithful departed...

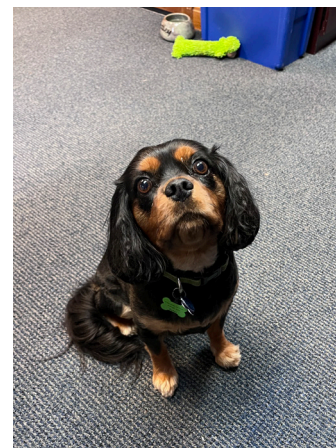
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David G. Bussard Jr.	Mary Ann Trapp
	Carmella Kelley

Bentley's Barking Bulletin

The First Sunday of Advent

Woof woof, everyone! Bentley here—your favorite parish pup—bringing you my tail-wagging thoughts on this special season.

Can you believe it? Advent is already upon us! My human (you know him as Father Bob) has been buzzing around the rectory, lighting candles and preparing homilies. Meanwhile, I've been doing my part: keeping his feet warm and reminding him to take me for walks.



Advent is one of my favorite times of year. It's a season of waiting, and as a dog, I totally get that! I wait for walks, treats, and belly rubs. But Advent waiting is even more exciting—it's about preparing for the birth of Jesus! Every day, I see all of you coming and going, getting ready in your own ways. I notice when you linger a little longer in the Adoration Chapel or when you bring donations for the Angel Tree. Trust me, I notice everything—especially if there's a snack involved.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, and the theme is hope.

Have you ever watched a dog stare at a closed door, knowing someone special is about to walk through? That's how we're invited to live during Advent—with joyful anticipation. We're waiting not just for Christmas, but for Christ's second coming. This is the focus of the first two weeks in Advent.

Father Bob told me that the Advent wreath's first candle reminds us that even in life's darkest moments, there's always light on the horizon, and that light isn't just the power of positive thinking, but it's a person—it's Jesus Christ—the Word made flesh.

So, here's a challenge from me, Bentley: how can you bring hope to someone this week? Maybe it's a kind word, a warm meal, or even just your presence.

Until next time, keep your tails wagging and your hearts open. And if you see me after Mass, don't forget to say hi—or sneak me a treat. Woof!

With paws and prayers,

Bentley 🐾

Christmas at St. Catharine

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th
4:00pm • 6:30pm • 10:00pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th
11:00am

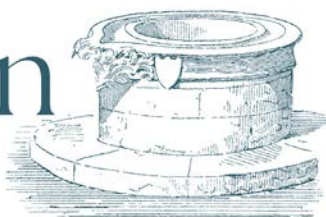
December Food Pantry Need CANNED VEGETABLES

Please leave donations at wooden boxes near Church entrances.



St. Catharine Women

Women at the well



1st Saturdays at 6:30am in the Parish Center



Women at the Well is for all women ages 18 and older who are looking for an opportunity to start, deepen, or renew their relationship with Jesus. We will connect with Jesus and other women in the parish through coffee,

prayer, and small groups.

Bring Jesus your heart...your tired and lonely heart, your overwhelmed heart, your full heart, and allow Jesus to fill you with His love. For Jesus says, "Whoever drinks of the water I shall give will never thirst." There is no sign up. Simply come as you are.

Questions? Elyse Salisbury • ehueckel@gmail.com

Women's Advent Book Study
ADORE
Guided Journal for Prayer and Meditation

FOUR MEETING OPTIONS
Beginning Week of December 1st

- Monday Evenings 6:30pm (Home Group)
- Tuesday Evenings: 7:30pm (St. Catharine Campus)
- Thursday Mornings: 10:00am (Home Group)
- Saturday Mornings: 6:30am (Home Group)

In *Adore*, popular author and speaker Fr. John Burns and illustrator Valerie Delgado of Pax.Valerie will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent, focusing on a new theme each week—vigilance, preparation, nearness, and Emmanuel—that you can relate to your own life.

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Questions?
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St. Catharine Men



Saturdays at 7:00am in the Parish Center



Journey from fear to fearless worship, from a lifeless corpse hanging on the cross to an empty tomb, from Apostles hiding in the upper room to proclaiming the risen Lord to the ends of the earth! Beginning with Christ to the Apostles, to the Apostolic Fathers, to the men of our day, God hasn't stopped calling us! Let us become who we were made to be and set the world on fire. May we become Apostles of the New Springtime! Join us for food, fellowship and faith. All men are welcome.

Questions? Paul Wills • pkawills7@gmail.com



Knights of Columbus®

2nd Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall



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Questions? Ed Stange • Deputy@koc11354.org

Men's Rosary

Thursday, December 19th
7:30am in the Church





ENCOUNTER JESUS THIS ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. CATHARINE CHURCH

ADVENT

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

7:00AM

9:00AM

6:30PM

Though transferred to Mon, Dec. 9th, this Solemnity remains a Holy Day of Obligation.

ADORE NIGHTS

EVERY THURSDAY • 7:00PM

ADORE is a candle-lit evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions. Prepare the "inn of your heart" this Advent to be a worthy place for Jesus by going to Confession.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

7:00PM • ADORE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In it we listen to Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or song that reflects on the lesson's message.

CHRISTMAS

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE (TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH)

4:00PM

6:30PM

10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY (WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH)

11:00AM

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

8:30AM

11:00AM

5:00PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

5:30PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

9:00AM

A Holy Day of Obligation.





The Mass

“Do This in Remembrance of Me”

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel

✦ Part 76: Prayer after Communion ✦

“Let us pray.” Following Holy Communion and our time for prayer, we prepare to go forth out into the world. This is called the **Prayer after Communion**. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, “To bring to completion the prayer of the People of God, and also to conclude the whole Communion Rite, the Priest pronounces the Prayer after Communion, in which he prays for the fruits of the mystery just celebrated....The people make the prayer their own by means of the acclamation Amen”(GIRM, 89). According to the Diocese of Peoria, “Oftentimes [this] Prayer beseeches God to put the graces received in the Eucharist into practice, and to bring the celebration to fulfillment in Heaven. [This] Prayer often indicates our mission as disciples of Christ in the world” (A Study of the Mass, p.20).

Short, Quick, and Wonderful Prayers

These prayers can very often be short and quick... although to miss them is truly to miss something wonderful. For example, consider these Prayers after Communion from the Solemnities of our Lord during Ordinary Time:

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): *“Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign for ever and ever.”*

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: *“May this sacrament of charity, O Lord, make us fervent with the fire of holy love, so that, drawn always to your Son, we may learn to see him in our neighbor. Through Christ our Lord.”*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: *“Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.”*

While I certainly would enjoy sharing many more of these rich prayers, these examples give us a good idea of what we are praying at this part of the Mass. We are recalling the amazing gift we have received. We are asking that the fruits of Jesus truly present will strengthen us in his love as we go out in the world. We are looking toward sharing the fullness of life with our loving Lord in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Preparing to Go Forth as Missionary Disciples

As Charles Belmonte teaches, the Prayer after Communion actually helps very well to pull together what we have heard, said, and done at the Mass: “We have been nourished with the ‘bread of life,’ the food which is the source of our fortitude. This virtue of fortitude enables us to sustain the daily combat against our passions and our weaknesses... The virtue of fortitude goes hand in hand with the capacity of sacrificing oneself... The Gospel is addressed to weak, poor, meek and humble men, to peacemakers and to the merciful, but, at the same time, it contains a constant appeal to fortitude. The Gospel often repeats: ‘Fear not’ (Mt 14:27). It teaches man that, for a just cause, for truth, for justice, one must be able to ‘lay down one’s life’ (Jn 15:13)... We can profit a lot from the Prayers after Communion by using them as an inspiration for personal reflection during the course of the day”(Understanding the Mass, p.191-3).


Being honest with ourselves, we know that sometimes at this point in the Mass we are looking ahead to what is next, perhaps a nice family meal or enjoying the big game. The Prayer after Communion, however, reminds us that the fruits of the Mass don’t just take place within the church walls—they also happen in our minds and hearts. As we get ready to go forth, hopefully we have been strengthened with resolve for faithfulness. Hopefully, our hearts have become more like the One who loves us best.

So, instead of thinking past this moment in the Mass to your exit plan from the parking lot, why not use this as one last opportunity to put everything together and really prepare to go out into the world as a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ? If we do this, we won’t as easily forget the great graces we have received at the Holy Mass. Instead, we will actively carry them with us throughout the day—and even better—share them with others!

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Saturday, December 7th • 10:00am-12:00pm

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Sunday, December 8th

Before & after each Mass in the Lower Level

PLEASE RETURN ALL GIFTS UNWRAPPED
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**THE
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St. Catharine Church and School have been blessed to receive several Capital Grants in the 2024 Responsive Grants Cycle distributed by The Catholic Foundation this year.

Our project to restore the steps and walkway at the Main Church Entrance was awarded \$10,000.00, as well as a grant for Missionary Discipleship here at St. Catharine in the amount of \$10,000.00. The school will also receive \$5,345.00 to be put toward adding two electronic release buttons in the office for our new vestibule doors, as well as tinting the main school doors for added security.

We are grateful to the Catholic Foundation for their support of our need. We are grateful to the donors who contribute to The Catholic Foundation that make these grants possible. Everyone can contribute at any time to the funds for our parish or those used for granting.

The Catholic Foundation is a non-profit autonomous organization that receives and manages assets to provide funding for the parishes, schools and ministries within our Catholic community.

If you would like more information on contributing to existing funds that support our ministries, or would like to work on a planned gift of your own, please contact Dan Kurth (dkurth@catholic-foundation.org) at The Catholic Foundation, 614-443-8893.

St. Catharine School 7th Grade Class Presents:



Breakfast with Santa

When: Saturday, December 14th
9:00-11:00 am

Where: St. Catharine Parish Center

Cost: \$10.00/person



Reservation Includes:

- Breakfast - pancakes, eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, juice and coffee
- Mrs. Claus' Bakeshop - items starting at \$1 (cash only)
- Crafts, Coloring & Face Painting
- Raffle ticket entries for the giant gift package
- Photo with Santa

Reservations may be made with the below form or on the St. Catharine Church website
(<https://stcatharine.com/breakfast-with-santa>)

Reservations must be received no later than Mon, December 9th

Additional forms or questions, contact Gini Ryan:
giniweberryan@gmail.com, (614) 517-8930

Reservation Form for Cash/Check Payments

Checks made payable to St. Catharine School (reservation name/7thBWS in memo)

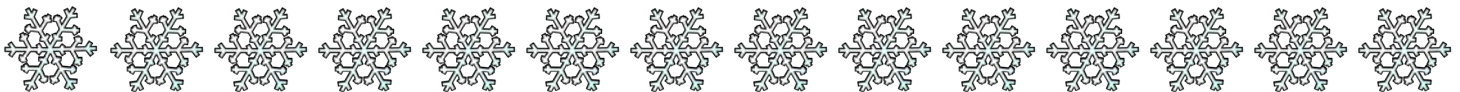
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